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CASA GRANDE RESIDENT AND 3-TIME FELON SENTENCED TO 90 MONTHS IN PRISON

PHOENIX – Timothy Gartley, 37, of Casa Grande, Ariz., was sentenced here on June 5, 2006, to 90 months in prison and ordered to perform 250 hours of community service by U.S. District Judge Roger G. Strand for Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

On February 27, 2006, Gartley plead guilty to the felony offense and admitted the following facts. On March 10, 2005, Gartley possessed approximately 100 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition and a 16 ounce container of gun powder, was under the influence of methamphetamine and in the process of attempting to steal one or more cars from multiple potential victims in Casa Grande, Ariz. During this spree, a call to be on the look-out for Gartley went out to local police. As police were looking for a person who matched Gartley's description, Gartley threw some of his possessions, including the ammunition, into the trunk of a parked car owned by a 68 year old man, pushed the man aside and stole the car. The victim alerted police and a car chase ensued. During the car chase, Gartley drove the stolen car in a reckless manner and endangered the lives of others on the road. Gartley ultimately crashed the stolen car into a tree and was arrested. At the time of his arrest, Gartley had three prior felony convictions in Monroe County, New York, for Burglary, Second Degree, in 1989; Attempted Burglary, Third Degree, in 1991; and Assault, Second Degree, in 1997.

Gartley was in federal custody at the time of his sentencing and was remanded to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons by Judge Strand.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Casa Grande Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frederick A. Battista.

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